MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know how many years it is since the Curator's office was formed?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Some 26 years.

Prosecutions under the Travancore Companies Regulation.

271. *MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have taken any action since 1934 for prosecution of companies under the Companies Regulation for contravening the provisions thereof?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha II*): May I know how many companies have been prosecuted?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Three.

MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha II*): May I know who conducts the prosecution?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Probably the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies or a Police Inspector, I am not sure.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): A point of order. The member who has put in the main question is absent. May I know whether supplementary questions could be allowed?

PRESIDENT: No objection unless the question is withdrawn.

MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha II*): May I know whether it is the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies or anybody deputed by him that conducts the prosecution?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

Construction of the Alwaye bridge.

272. *MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received any complaints from the S. I. R. Company regarding the construction of the Alwaye bridge as affecting their earnings?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): No.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): May I know whether the construction of the Alwaye bridge will, as a matter of fact, affect the earnings of the S. I. R.?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): It is a matter of opinion.

MR. N. ABDURR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): May I know why this work is delayed?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): It is not being delayed; the bridge is being designed in my office, but funds have not been allotted as yet.

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